

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

OCTOBER 20, 2015

On Thursday, October 15, 2015, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a slow moving storm swept across the mountains of southwest California and Antelope Valley affecting the unincorporated communities of Quartz Hill, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth and surrounding areas in Los Angeles County bringing strong and locally severe thunderstorms. The storm dropped 3 inches of rain in a short period of time resulting in debris flows that damaged several structures, disrupted major roadways and trapped several people in their vehicles. Several County of Los Angeles Departments have engaged in emergency response activities including, but not limited to, emergency management, fire and rescue, public works, law enforcement, animal control, care and shelter, health and welfare, as well as responding to the requirements of persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. The overall dollar cost of this incident to the public and private sector is still being assessed. These conditions necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County.

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This emergency will require an assessment of the impacted areas to ensure the safety of all mitigation and recovery efforts, law enforcement, public works, public health and other personnel as reentry and restoration occur.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board:

- 1) Ratify the attached proclamation made on October 16, 2015 for the rain, flood and debris flows beginning in Los Angeles County on October 15, 2015. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board;
- 2) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the director find it acceptable in accordance with state law; and request that a Governor's Proclamation be provided under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and
- 3) Direct county departments to implement all mitigation and recovery efforts as applicable.

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PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REQUEST FOR A STATE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Mayor of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors finds that beginning October 15, 2015, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, public and private property arose as a result of flooding and debris flows affecting the unincorporated communities of Quartz Hill, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes and Elizabeth and surrounding areas in Los Angeles County which have created conditions that are beyond the control of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the rain, flooding and debris flows destroyed and damaged structures, including homes and forced the closure of major highways and local roads; and

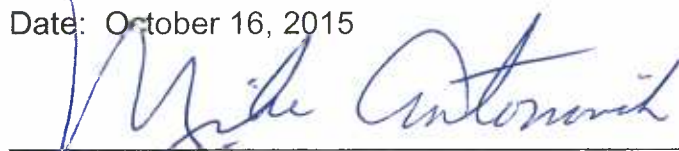
WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Mayor of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a local emergency exists throughout Los Angeles County, and that if the Board does not take action to ratify this emergency proclamation within seven days of its issuance, it shall have no further force or effect;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: October 16, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael D. Antonovich", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Antonovich
Mayor, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors